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Re: HB05290 – Sunsetting the Highway Use Tax

My name is Julie Hulten. I live at 42 Homewood Avenue in North Haven, CT.

I oppose sunseting the Highway Use Tax.

I support the continuation of the Highway Use Tax.

Connecticut is a relatively tiny state that bears the brunt of heavy traffic in North-South (I-91 and I-95) and East-West (I-84).

This heavy usage

- physically stresses the roadways themselves, causing damage and the resulting repair
- adversely affects the health and well-being of Connecticut drivers due to the tension of heavy traffic, frequent delays, and increased potential for accidents
- increases pollution, adversely affecting the environment and the health of Connecticut citizens and wildlife.

It stands to reason that those who reap the benefits of using these roadways and CT taxpayers' dollars (i.e., road maintenance and repair) should bear some responsibility for that work.

Investment in a well-functioning highway system should not solely burden CT taxpayers. Responsibility for our roadways and the accompanying repairs and maintenance should be shared by all who benefit from them.

Thank you for your time.